



Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies is an 18-unit program. It is offered through Flinders University by the Faculty of Education, Humanities and Law. However, it is taught at the Adelaide College of Divinity through Uniting College.

The course articulates with the [Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies](#) and the [Master of Theological Studies](#).

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Admission requirements

Applicants must normally hold an approved three year degree or equivalent qualification from a tertiary institution. However, the Faculty Board may, under certain circumstances and subject to specific conditions, admit others who can show evidence of fitness for candidature.

Course aims

This course is designed to provide a sound understanding of contemporary theology and biblical studies and to provide opportunities to reflect on theological dimensions of professional and social life. The course is suitable for professionals in the field of religion or related disciplines and people with a general interest in religion. This course will provide a pathway to further postgraduate study within Theology.

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies aims to provide students with opportunities to:

- gain an introductory knowledge and understanding of contemporary theology and biblical studies
- examine and reflect on theological dimensions of professional and social life
- acquire knowledge and skills in several areas of contemporary academic theology.

Learning outcomes

On completion of the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies, students will:

- have a fundamental knowledge and understanding of contemporary theology and biblical studies
- be able to contribute to academic discussion of contemporary theology and biblical studies and independently apply these to make high level decisions in their own professional and social life

- be able to apply theological knowledge and skills to initiate and plan professional and/or social programs
- be able to demonstrate their knowledge of several chosen areas of contemporary academic theology.

Credit

Limited credit may be granted for recognition of prior studies undertaken at Flinders University or other approved tertiary institutions.

Program of study

To qualify for the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies, a student must complete 18 units with a grade of P or NGP or better in each topic, according to the following program of study:

Core - Year 1 topics

Select one of

[THEO8307](#) Theology of Jesus Christ GE (4.5 units)

[THEO9033](#) Biblical Hermeneutics: Making Sense of the Bible GE (4.5 units)

plus one of

[THEO8102](#) Interpreting the Old Testament GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8204](#) Interpreting the New Testament GE (4.5 units)

plus one of

[THEO8506](#) Reading Cultures GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8314](#) Introduction to Christian Thought GE (4.5 units)

Option - Year 1 topics

Select 4.5 units from the following topics

Biblical Studies

[THEO8202](#) Synoptic Studies GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8204](#) Interpreting the New Testament GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8104](#) Old Testament Exegesis: Pentateuch GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8206](#) Pauline Letters GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8004](#) The Bible and Popular Culture GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8701](#) Biblical Greek 1 GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8704](#) Biblical Hebrew 1 GE (4.5 units)

[THEO9033](#) Biblical Hermeneutics: Making Sense of the Bible GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8106](#) Old Testament Exegesis: The Writings of the Hebrew Bible GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8105](#) Old Testament Exegesis: Prophets GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8107](#) Old Testament Exegesis: Wisdom GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8207](#) Study Tour: Lands of the Bible GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8702](#) Biblical Greek 2 GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8703](#) Biblical Greek 3 GE (4.5 units)

[THEO8705](#) Biblical Hebrew 2 GE (4.5 units)

- [THEO8706](#) Biblical Hebrew 3 GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO7106](#) Readings in Old Testament Studies (4.5 units)
- [THEO7204](#) Readings in New Testament Studies (4.5 units)
- [THEO8102](#) Interpreting the Old Testament GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8103](#) Ecology and the Bible (4.5 units)

Historical and Systematic Theology

- [THEO8307](#) Theology of Jesus Christ GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8314](#) Introduction to Christian Thought GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8315](#) Christian Ethics GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8316](#) Church, Ministry and Sacraments GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8317](#) God the Trinity GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8318](#) Religious Pluralism in a Contemporary World GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO7306](#) Readings in Systematic Theology (4.5 units)
- [THEO7405](#) Readings in Church History (4.5 units)
- [THEO8003](#) Guided Study in Theology (4.5 units)
- [THEO8401](#) Church History A GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8402](#) Church History B GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO9501](#) Guided Study in Christian Spirituality (4.5 units)

Ministry Studies

- [THEO7501](#) Readings in Ministry and Mission Studies (4.5 units)
- [THEO7502](#) Readings in Christian Education or Discipleship (4.5 units)
- [THEO7503](#) Readings in Christian Leadership (4.5 units)
- [THEO7504](#) Readings in Pastoral Care (4.5 units)
- [THEO8205](#) John's Gospel and the Johannine Epistles GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8501](#) Caring Practices of the Church GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8502](#) Christian Education GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8503](#) Christian Leadership GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8506](#) Reading Cultures GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8504](#) Ministry and Mission Studies 1 GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8505](#) Ministry and Mission Studies 2 GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8508](#) Theology and Practice of Chaplaincy (4.5 units)
- [THEO8509](#) Exploring Cross-Cultural Ministry GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO8510](#) Towards Reconciliation: A Theological Understanding GE (4.5 units)
- [THEO9309](#) Guided Study in Liturgy (4.5 units)